

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 Applicant: Meng-Chi Liou et al.

Serial No.: 10/710,887

Filing Date: 08/10/2004

Examiner: CHEN WEN YING PATTY

Art Unit: 2871

Docket No.: CPTP0002USA

10 Title: MULTI-DOMAIN VERTICAL ALIGNMENT LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY PANEL COMPRISING ALTERNATING AND PARALLEL
SLITS AND PROJECTIONS

15 To: Mail Stop 16
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20 Subject: Status Inquiry of the Request for Refund filed on December 09, 2007

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A request to refund an improper charge of US\$500 from the USPTO was filed on
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28, 2007. However, the amount of US\$500 has not been refunded to the
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The official receipt (Attachment 1) and the refund request (Attachment 2) are
30 hereby enclosed for your quick review. Please refund US\$500 to the Deposit Account
No. 50-3105 as soon as possible. Your quick response will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/Winston Hsu/ Date: 07/09/2010

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your refund request for 10710887 in the amount of \$500.00.

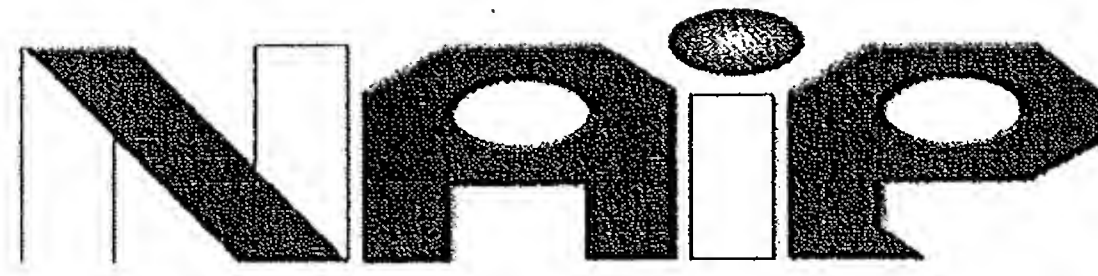
Your request has been forwarded to the for review.

To inquire about the status of your refund request, please call 000-000-0000.

Please allow four weeks from the date on this letter prior to your inquiry.

Thank you,

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TRANSMITTAL FORM <small>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</small>	Application Number	10/710,887	
	Filing Date	08/10/2004	
	First Named Inventor	Meng-Chi Liou	
	Art Unit	2871	
	Examiner Name	CHEN, WEN YING PATTY	
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PATENT

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Appl. No.:	10/710,887	Filing Date:	10 August 2004
Patent No.:	7,248,319	Issue Date:	24 July 2007
The applicants:	Meng-Chi Liou et al.	Art Unit:	2871
Examiner:	CHEN, WEN YING PATTY	Confirmation No.:	4886
		Docket No.:	CPTP0002USA
Title:	MULTI-DOMAIN VERTICAL ALIGNMENT LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL COMPRISING ALTERNATING AND PARALLEL SLITS AND PROJECTIONS		
To:	Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		
Subject:	Request for Refund (Improper Charges of Deposit Account)		

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Petition Decision issued on 7 September 2007 regarding the above-captioned patent, the undersigned practitioner hereby requests for a refund of \$500 improperly charged (\$400 for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 plus \$100 for the certificate of correction under 1.323) to Deposit Account No. 50,3105.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Meng-Chi Liou was named as the first inventor of Application No. 10/710,887, now issued as Patent No. 7,248,319. His name was inadvertently misspelled as "Meng-Chi Liu." Related facts and fees paid for the correction of this transliteration error are listed as follows:

1. Soon after 20 March 2007, the date on which the application was allowed, the applicants (now patentees) noticed the transliteration error in the first inventor's name.
2. On 3 May 2007, the applicants timely filed a request for correction accompanied by a supplemental application data

sheet ("the first request").

3. On 13 June 2007, the applicants paid the issue fee and publication fee.
4. On 24 July 2007, the application was issued as Patent No. 7,248,319 with the wrong spelling.
5. On 27 August 2007, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.322, the applicants filed a request for certificate of correction of Office mistake ("the second request").
6. On 7 September 2007, the Office issued the Petition Decision, granting the requests for change of name and for the issuance of certificate of correction. The first request, however, was treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and the second as a request under 37 CFR 1.323, and hence a total amount of \$500 were deducted from Deposit Account No. 50,3105 (see Attachment 1).
7. On 16 October 2007, the Office issued the certificate of correction which reflected the correct spelling.

Request Base

1. \$400 for the 37 CFR 1.182 Petition

The applicants filed the first request before paying the issue fee. To correct a transliteration error like this, Section 605.04(b) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure ("MPEP") states:

"When a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered during pendency of an application, a petition is not required... However, the applicants are strongly encouraged to use an application data sheet such that any patent to issue will reflect the correct spelling of the inventor's name."

The applicants deliberately delayed the payment of the issue fee, in the hope that the Office would have sufficient time

to reflect the corrected spelling. In fact, the payment was not made until one week before the time limit expired.

37 CFR 1.182 does not apply in the instant case. The first request should not have been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182, and the petition fee of \$400 so deducted is improper whatsoever.

2. \$100 for the 37 CFR 1.323 certificate of correction

With diligent efforts, the applicants had followed the instructions of MPEP and filed the first request in due course. As the subsequent official documents (see Attachment 2) had reflected the correct spelling, one would have reasonably expected the first request to be granted by the issue date and the patent to be issued with the correct name.

While it is understandable that the Office might not be able to address the first request prior to issuance of the patent, any mistake caused by it should not have been blamed on the applicants. After all, as the Petition Decision rightly pointed out, the first request was itself grantable but not granted in time due to an error of the Office. Such being the case, 37 CFR 1.322 should be the applicable provision here.

Moreover, nothing in the first request or the second request has ever authorized the Office to charge \$100 under 37 CFR 1.20(a) to Deposit Account No. 50,3105 as a fee for certificate of correction.

In brief, 37 CFR 1.323 does not apply in the instant case, for the applicants had done nothing wrong by abiding by the rules set forth in MPEP. The \$100 fee for certificate of correction so deducted is improper as well.

Conclusion

As discussed above, please refund by crediting Deposit Account No. 50,3105. Should the Office believe that anything further is desirable in order to grant this request, please

contact the undersigned practitioner at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Winston Hsu

Date: DEC 09 2007

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Attachment 1

Deposit Account Statement

Attachment 1



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**Deposit Account Statement**

Requested Statement Month: September 2007

Deposit Account Number: 503105

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Country: TAIWAN

DATE	SEQ	POSTING REF TXT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NBR	FEE CODE	AMT
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Attachment 2

Official documents which were issued after the filing date of the first request and reflected the correct spelling of the first inventor's name, including

1. the Issue Notification dated 4 July 2007,
2. the Bibliographic Data Sheet dated 22 June 2007, and
3. the Corrected Filing Receipt dated 20 June 2007.



Attachment 2-1

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ISSUE NOTIFICATION

The projected patent number and issue date are specified above.

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment is 198 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (571)-272-4200.

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** FOREIGN APPLICATIONS ***** TAIWAN 093110689 04/16/2004					
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/710,887**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

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